(d) the break-up of cases of torture and deaths in police custody in the country during the last two years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) No data relating to the number of cases involving death of the persons in police lock-up or police custody are compiled on an all-India basis, as complaints against police and other related criminal matters are primarily the concern of the State Governments. The Government of India have issued guidelines to the State Governments from time to time to ensure that the police force conduct themselves in a humane manner and that alleged cases of police excesses should be taken serious note of and dealt with firmly. Specific complaints of this nature against the police are looked into by the Courts and the State Governments. At present there is no proposal under consideration to amend Rules and regulations in this regard as the provisions under the existing enactments are sufficient to deal with such complaints.

Protection of Rights of Women

1868. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report published in the 'Pioneer' of the 29th April, 1992 regarding protection of rights of women;

(b) if so, the number of cases which have come to Government's notice of ill-treatment, torture, rape and sexual abuse of women in police cutody and in jails during the last three years and so far in 1992 in the country and particularly in Delhi;

(c) what action Government have taken in such cases against the guilty persons; and

(d) what instructions Government have issued to the State Governments for the protection of life and honour of women in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The news report has been seen.

(b) to (d) 'Police' and 'Prison' being state subjects, it is primarily for the State Governments to take action whenever there are cases of ill-treatment, torture, rape and sexual abuse of women in police custody and in jails. Statistics of such incidents in the country are not compiled and monitored by the Central agencies. However, whenever complaints of this nature are received by the Central Government, these are brought to the notice of the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations concerned for appropriate action.

Extradition of Prabhakaran

1869. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the C.B.I. has named Prabhakaran as the prime accuse in late Rajiv Gandhi assassination case;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to approach any agency in case Government of Sri Lanka does not co-operate for the extradition of Prabhakaran; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINIS-

TER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) According to the investigation carried out by the CBI, Prabhakaran has been identified as one of the prime accused in the case.

(b) and (c) Sri Lanka authorities have so far cooperated fully with SIT.

Royalty to Assam on crude oil

1870. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) by when Government propose to increase the royalty on crude oil to Assam; and

(b) what is the present rate of royalty provided to the States of Assam, Gujarat and Maharashtra by the Central Government, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The Report of Eswaran Committee on Royalty on Crude Oil and Natural Gas is under examination by the Government.

(b) The present rate of royalty on crude oil is Rs. 314/tonne and that on Natural Gas is 10 per cent selling price which is same for all States.

Foreign Exchange for Oil Production Project

1871. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission requires more than 3,400 million dollars of foreign exchange to finance the Eighth Oil production project in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to have collaboration with foreign companies for raising funds from various foreign agencies to fund the project; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) ONGC's proposals for the Eighth Plan indicated a requirement of foreign exchange of this order.

(b) and (c) Foreign exchange would be raised by way of loans from multilateral agencies, supplier's credit, external commercial borrowings and purchase of foreign exchange by ONGC in the market in accordance with the Liberalised Exchange Rate Management System (LERMS). Government have also taken a decision in principle to develop certain discovered oil|gas fields in joint venture with private Indian and foreign companies.

Sending of a Committee to France

1872. DR. NARREDDY THULASIREDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to send a high-powered Committee to France to study the National Oil Policy of France which may be useful to our country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is not considered necessary.